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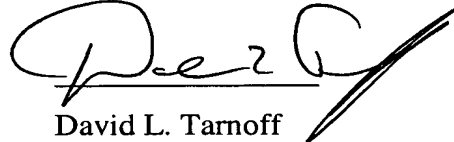
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Chinese Patent Publication No. 1395046 appears to disclose a multi-blade blower 40 having an impeller 43 mounted in a casing 11 as seen in Figure 4. This publication corresponds to European Patent Publication No. EP 1411247 which can be referenced to better understand this reference.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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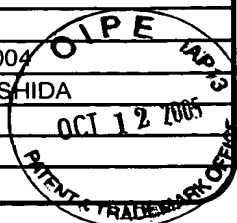
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